

## **Commonwealth's Attorney**

### **Mission:**

The Commonwealth's Attorney prosecutes all felonies, all misdemeanor appeals and certain misdemeanors and criminal forfeitures originating in York County and the City of Poquoson. The Commonwealth's Attorney advises law enforcement personnel regarding criminal law and procedure; renders advisory opinions to local officials regarding conflicts of interest; and responds to citizen's inquiries regarding State law, local ordinances, and the criminal justice system.

### **Goals:**

- Prosecute criminal cases vigorously, successfully and efficiently.
- Ensure that crime victims are treated with sensitivity and professionalism by the criminal justice system.
- Provide effective assistance and guidance to law enforcement personnel.
- Enforce forfeitures of property used in criminal endeavors whenever possible.
- Provide prompt and accurate responses to citizen inquiries.

### **Implementation Strategies for FY2002:**

- Implement use of the computerized docket control and case management system.
- Expand "in-house" training to meet Sheriffs' Department's mandatory requirements.
- Maintain professional excellence by providing competitive compensation.

### **Budget Issues:**

- In FY1998, the Compensation Board approved funding for a part-time Secretary for the Juvenile Justice Attorney.
- In FY2001, funding was included for the implementation of a computerized case management system and the purchase of furniture. The Compensation Board approved additional funding for a Career Prosecutor Program and an additional Assistant Attorney, which allowed for the upgrade of a part-time attorney to a full-time position and the addition of a support staff position. The Compensation Board also provided funding for computer equipment to finalize the installation of a computerized docket control and case management system.
- For FY2002, there are no significant changes.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1998 Actual Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Original Budget	FY2001 Expected Appropriations	FY2002 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	409,553	435,018	479,826	538,988	591,097	617,446
Contractual Services	1,973	2,085	2,646	2,750	2,750	2,800
Internal Services	335	444	440	500	500	600
Other Charges	8,693	7,968	11,023	12,400	11,875	13,700
Materials & Supplies	2,743	3,218	7,665	7,850	7,850	8,000
Capital Outlay	2,079	11,879	9,765	8,000	18,240	6,000
Grant Activity	<u>167</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>6,533</u>	<u>-</u>
Activity Total	<u>425,543</u>	<u>461,074</u>	<u>511,365</u>	<u>570,988</u>	<u>638,845</u>	<u>648,546</u>

#### FTE's

Management	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Professional/Technical	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50
Admin/Clerical	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.50	4.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>8.50</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

